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DICOM and the Future of Medicine

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This presentation explores DICOM's impact on clinical medical practice – today and tomorrow

- Why do physicians work on DICOM?
- How can DICOM improve medical practice?





Radiology Reporting

An international effort

- Led by the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)
- Soon to include the European Society of Radiology (ESR)

Goals

- Improve the communication of radiology procedures
- Allow "data mining" of radiology results

Radiology Reporting



- Library of "best practice" templates
 - RadReport.org
- Standard for report templates
 - Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE)
 - "Management of Radiology Report Templates" (MRRT) profile

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Specialties Organizations Languages Popular						
CA Cardiac Radiology CT Cardiac Bypass Graft · 7 more			MK	Musculoskeletal Radiology Lumbar Spine Xray · 28 more		
CH Chest Radiology MR Brachial Plexus - 17 more			NR	Neuroradiology CT Orbits · 22 more		
CT Computed Tomography CT Spine · 41 more			NM	Nuclear Medicine Bladder Reflux · 20 more		
DX Diagnostic Radiology Ankle Xray · 28 more			OB	Obstetric/Gynecologic Radiology MR Female Pelvis - 5 more	/	
ER Emergency Radiology Abdomen Series · 18 more			OI	Oncologic Imaging CT Onco Renal Mass - 21 more		
GI Gastrointestinal Radiology Abdomen Series - 30 more			PD	Pediatric Radiology US Peds Renal - 12 more		
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HIN	N Head and Neck CT Orbits · 9 more		RS	Research CT Head and Neck Cancer Staging (ACRIN 6685) · 4		
IR	Interventional Radiology US Thoracentesis · 5 more			Ultras US Ped Vascul MR Neck · 8 more		
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Search for reporting templates



The RSNA radiology reporting initiative is improving reporting practices by creating a library of clear and consistent report templates.

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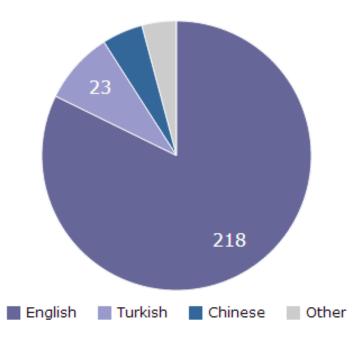
Radiology Reporting Initiative

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Number of Templates

265

Distribution by Template Language

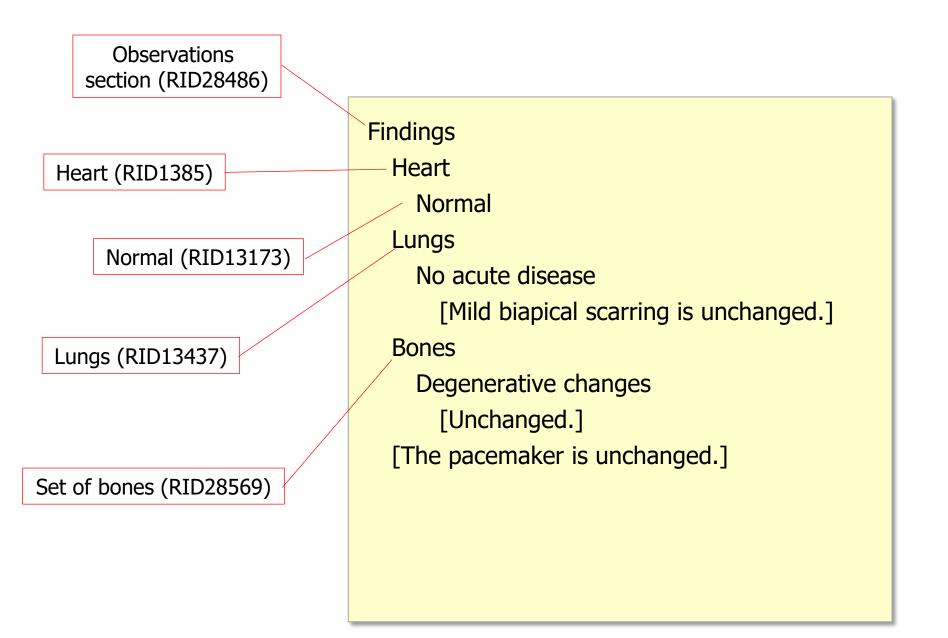


Number of Views / Downloads

1,319,404

Most Viewed Templates

- 1. Chest Xray (24,877 views)
- 2. CT Brain (19,486 views)
- 3. US Abdomen (16,619 views)
- 4. Chest Xray 2 Views (14,469 views)
- 5. MR Brain (13,050 views)
- 6. MR Knee (12,301 views)
- 7. CT Chest Pulmonary Embolism (12,287 views)
- 8. CT Chest (11,983 views)
- 9. CT Neck (11,540 views)
- 10. CT Abdomen-Pelvis (11,206 views)



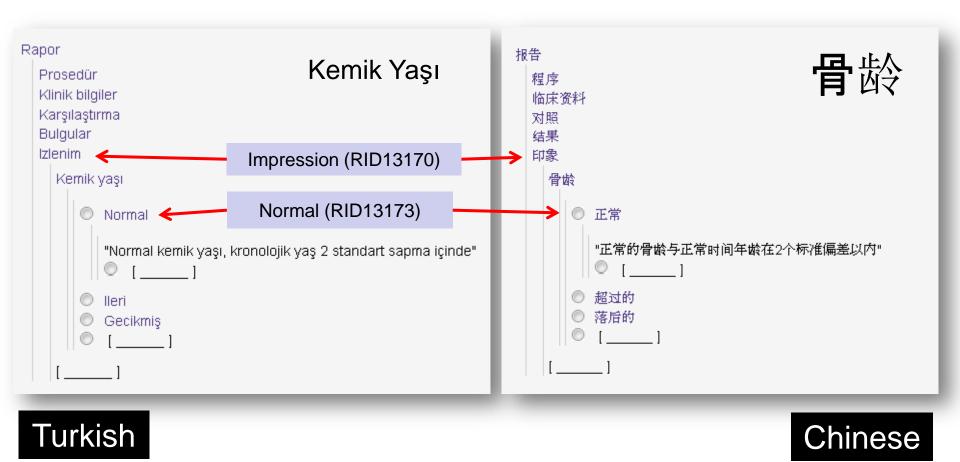
Why Templates?



- Reduce variability of reports
 - Improve completeness
 - Encourage best practices
- Improve interoperability
- Support automation of report production
- Support validation of report content
- Promote data extraction

"Bone Age" template





Multiple layers of constraint



Professional Content

Specific content for specialized procedures

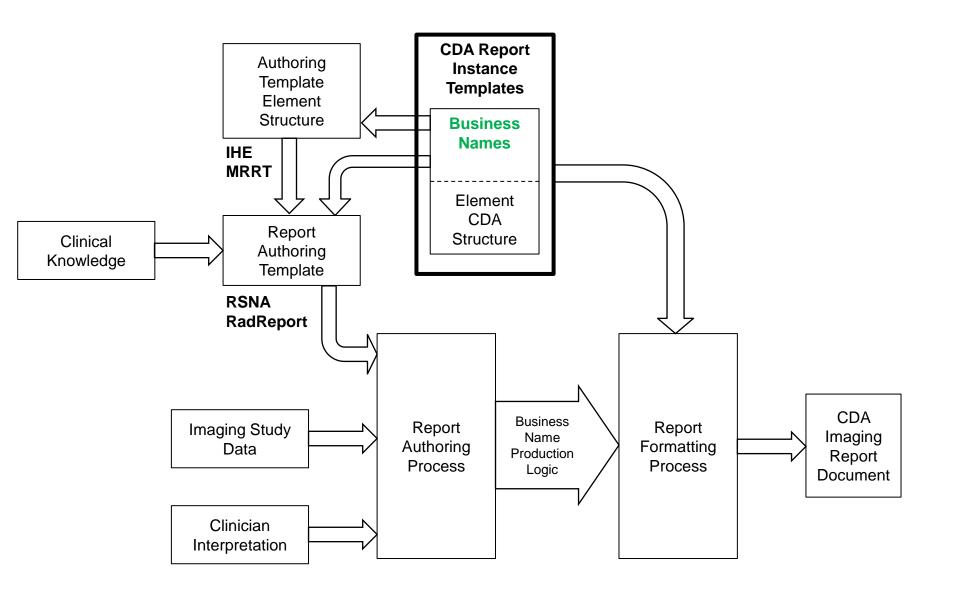
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Additional requirements, templates, and business names for radiology reports

CDA r2

Refined Data Classes and structures for clinical documents

HL7 v3 RIM Abstract Data Classes v3 XML ITS Data Encoding





New "Work Item"

- Proposed to DICOM Standards Committee
- Assigned to Work Group 8 (Structured Reporting)
 - Harry Solomon (GE Healthcare), co-chair
 - Charles Kahn (ACR), co-chair



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- Defines how radiology reports are exported into HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA)
- CDA provides a universal format for clinical results
 - Integrates radiology results with entire health record
 - Allows "data mining" for research and quality improvement



Why do physicians work on DICOM?

- Technical expertise
- Advocacy and communication with physician communities
- Contribution to international effort



How can DICOM improve medical practice?

- Standards foster competition to create better products
- DICOM helps advance the worldwide adoption of new medical imaging technology

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